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The Honorable Clare E. Hoffman, Chairman
Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments
House Office Building
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My dear Mr. Hoffman:

I have been greatly concerned over the apprehensions which seem to have arisen in the minds of some members of your Committee, as well as in the statements of certain witnesses who have appeared before it, that the Central Intelligence Agency created in Section 202 of H.R. 2319 would, in effect, establish a Gestapo in this country. I wish to reiterate for the record what General Vandenberg, as Director of Central Intelligence, stated before your Committee, that the Central Intelligence Group has no interest in domestic intelligence as such, and should have no police, subpoena or law enforcement powers or functions, or any functions concerning the internal security of the United States.

If it is your opinion that it will serve to allay the suspicions of any member of your Committee or the general public in this connection, an amendment to Section 202 of H.R. 2319, (to be Section 202 (d)), might well be added, to read substantially as follows: "The Central Intelligence Agency shall have no police, subpoena or law enforcement powers or functions, nor shall it have any functions concerning the internal security of the United States." While I have felt that the particular language I have suggested above regarding police powers more properly belongs in our enabling legislation, for the reasons cited above, if you feel that it would be more appropriate to introduce it into the present bill, I would be very happy to have you do so.

Sincerely yours,

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